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NEWS FROM ABROAD

INTERSTING LETTER FROM A PROMINENT EDUCATOR—GREAT LESSONS

PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Writes of The Hollanders and Their Customs—Other Advantages to be Gained by Observing These Foreigners.

The Hague, Holland, May 23, 1899.
Editor The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.:

It has been a severe and trying ordeal for me to leave the United States just at this time when there is so much transpiring which concerns the interest of our people, but my friends insisted that I needed the rest and recreation which a trip through Europe would bring, and since they very kindly provided the means there was nothing for me to do but to accede to their wishes.

In a trip through Holland in company with Mrs. Washington, Mr. Edward Marshall of the New York Journal and others, I have seen much which may prove of interest to your readers. It has been said many times that "God made the world but the Dutch made Holland." For one to realize the force of this he must see Holland for himself. One of the best ways to see the interior and peasant life of Holland is to take a trip as we have done, in one of the canal boats plying between Antwerp, Belguim, and Rotterdam, Holland.

It has been especially interesting for me to compare the rural life of Holland with that of the colored people in the South. Holland has been made very largely what it is by the unique system of dykes or levees which enables the people to use to advantage all of the land in this small country.

The great lesson which our colored farmers can learn from Holland is how to make a living from a small plot of land well cultivated instead of 40 or 50 acres poorly tilled. I have seen a whole family making a comfortable living by cultivating two acres of land, while our Southern farmers in too many cases try to till 50 or a 100 acres and find themselves in debt at the end of the year. In all Holland I do not think one can find a hundred acres of waste land; every foot of land is covered with grass, vegetables, grain or fruit trees. Another advantage which our Southern colored farmers would have in trying to pattern after the farmers of Holland, would be that they would not be obliged to go to such additional expense for horse or mule power. Most of the farming is done here with the hoe and spade. I have seen these people on Sundays and during the week but I have not seen a single Dutchman, woman or child in rags. Here there are practically no beggars and very poor people. They owe their prosperity very largely to the thorough and intelligent cultivation of the soil.

Next to the thorough tilling of the soil, the thing of most interest from which our colored people in America may learn a valuable lesson, is the fine dairying which has made Holland famous thoroughout the world. Even the poorest family has its herd of Holstein cattle, and they are the finest specimens of cattle that it has been my pleasure to see. To see thousands of these cattle grazing on the fields is worth the trip to Holland. As the result of the attention which they have given to breeding Holstein cattle, Holland butter and cheese is in demad all through Europe and other countries as well. The most ordinary farmer has a cash income as the result of the sale of his milk and butter. Many of these people make more money out of the wind than our poor Southern people do out of the soil. The old fashioned wind-mill is to be seen on every farm. This mill not only pumps the water for live stock, but in many cases is made to operate the dairy, to saw the wood, to grind the grain and to run the heavy machinery. These people are, however, not unlike our Southern colored people in one respect and that is in having their women and children work in the field. This I think is done in a measure even larger than in the South among the colored people.

Another element of strength in the farming and dairying interests of them is to be found in the fact that many of these farmers have received a college or university training. After this, they take a special course in Agriculture and Dairying. This is as it should be. Our people in the South will prosper in proportion as a large number of our university men take up agriculture and kindred callings after they have finished their academic education.

In the matter of physical appearance, including grace, beauty and general carriage of the body, I think our own people are far ahead of the Hollanders. I do not think I exaggerate to say that I have not seen in all Holland a single beautiful woman. But they are a hardy, rugged, industrious set of people. In our trip on the canal boat, we saw the men at the landings in large numbers in their wooden shoes and the women and girls in their beautiful old fashioned head dress, each community having its own style which has been handed down from one generation to the other.

We were in Rotterdam over Sunday. The free and rather boisterous co-mingling of the sexes on the streets was noteworthy. In this also our people in the United States could set an example to the Hollanders. It has also been our privilege to pass through Delft, where the finest pottery in the world is made and which was especially interesting to me because of its being the place from which the Pilgrim Fathers sailed.

Here in The Hague, we have had an opportunity to see something of the work of the Peace Conference which I believe is going to have an important and practical effect in the furthering of peace between the nations. President Seth Low, one of our American Commissioners, received me very kindly and cordially.

The foundation of the civilization of these people is in their respect for an observance of the law. This is the great lesson which the entire South must learn before it can hope to receive the respect and confidence of the world. Europeans do not know how to understand how the South can disregard its own laws in the manner it is too often doing. If you ask any man on this side of the Atlantic why he does not emigrate to the Southern part of the United States, he shrugs his shoulders and says, "No law," "they kill." I pray God that no part of our country may much longer have such a reputation in any part of the world.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

News in General.

Kalamazoo, Mich. Special.

Henderson Bailey and Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler left Wednesday for Mackinaw. Mrs. Robert Weaver has returned from Battle Creek. Miss Belle Watkins of Paw Paw is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Wilson. Wilbur Burton is at Orphans Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stafford are rejoicing over a pair of twins—boys. The social and ball given at the Odd Fellow's Hall Thursday eve, June, 1 was a grand success. The fair at the A. M. E. church given by the Ladie's Aid Society was a grand success. Mrs. R. Hackley was awarded the prize as being the most popular young married lady. Mr. and Mrs. W. Burton gave a party at their home, 518 E. North st., Saturday June 3 in honor of their daughter, Wilhelmina, the occasion being her fourth birthday. There were twenty children present and dainty refreshments were served. Miss Wilhelmina was the recipient of many handsome presents and in return presented each little one with a birthday remembrance. Children's Day was observed at the Second Baptist church on Sunday evening June, 11, by an appropriate program rendered by the young people. Mrs. Bose McCollough of Jachson is in the city. The colored giants played the High School team Tuesday p. m. with a score of 7 to 11 in favor of the High School. The colored Giants are to be excused for their failure. The Freeman an illustrated colored newspaper published in Indianapolis Ind., has been coming to my hand for several weeks. I have not read a better editorial in any of the Chicago dailies than that in the Freeman just received. It is an editorial on the same stamp of intelligence as was the oration delivered by L. Palmer on Decoration day and that was something which we were glad and proud to welcome in Kalamazoo. If the colored people and the Douglass club once popular and flourishing here would read weekly The Freeman and practice its teachings and precepts, they will welcome to themselves a new meaning to education.

Personal Mention.

Vicksburg, Miss., Special.

Misses Maude Lovett. Sarah Banks, Paris Speed on their return home from college were given a grand reception at Kahn's Cafe, cor. Cherry and Jackson streets by Sansousa pleasure club. Miss Mamie Fitzhue of Natchez, Miss., is visiting Miss Ollie and Annie McGee. Miss Fitzhue is very popular in Vicksburg as well as in Natchez. Mr. Sam L. Johnson returned home from New Orleans this week where he was visiting his relatives, Mrs. L., his mother, Miss Lizzie B. and James J. Johnson. Mr. J. W. Jones, manager of J. W. Jones, brass band is getting along excellently with his new artist slide trombone, made by C. G. Conn, Elkhart, Ind. Monday, June 26. the Southern Aiden club of New Orleans will run an excursion from New Orleans to Vicksburg. The club has secured the Fair grounds for the excursionists and all privileges were sold at Robinsons Cafe. 327 Washington st. after June, 5, '99. Mr. W. M. Hallback, passed through Vicksburg last Monday en route to join the Nashville Jubilee Singers and Georgia Minstrels. Mr. Hallback was given a good time by Messrs, Carrington, Younge, Scott and other minstrel men. Mr. C. J. Scotte is in the city visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Scotte is late of Maharas Mammoth Minstrels.

News of Interest.

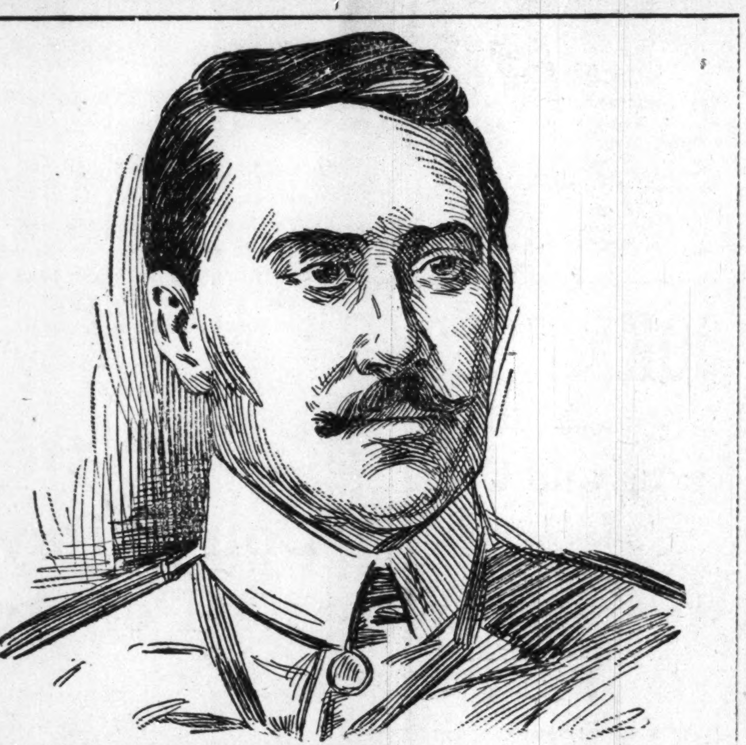
Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Mr. Spencer is agent for a Chautaquan combination which consists of a drawing and a writing desk. Rev. C. C. Phillips of Golconda and Rev. Winfrey conducted services at the Baptist church Sunday. Mr. James Stoner left for Alderson Indian Territory to dig coal from which place he writes that he is doing well. Mrs. Stoner and daughter little Miss Ona will join him in the near future. Frank Michaux visited Centralia Sunday. Mrs. N. Bush and Harry Powell were quietly married, last Thursday. Rev. S. S. Oliver officiated. Elbert Standard and John Carter of St. Louis are in the city. Mrs. Ella McCrary has left for an extended visit to friends and relatives at Marion and Metropolis. Mrs. Sallie Tandy, of Pembroke, Ky., is visiting her mother Mrs. Harriet Bell, and Mrs. Joe Tandy. Mr. James Dixon left last week, for New Mexico where he will reside. E. R. Spencer of Evansville. Ind., is in the city.

Wedding Bells.

Mound Bayou, Miss., Special.

Miss Lula Wade and Mr, Henry Crow were married in the presence of a large assembly at Green Grove Baptist church, June 1. The bride was very handsomely dressed in light blue silk, with a beautiful white veil very prettily arranged to hang from the roses in her hair. The maids were dressed in pale pink nunsveiling. After the ceremony the bride and groom imediately went to the former home of the bride, where, with a number of their friends they enjoyed the festivities of the evening, which included a bountiful repast. Last Tuesday the citizens of Mound Bayou, witnessed the closing exercises of the Normal Institute of this place. During the day the industrial department was on exhibition and the public examinations were listened to with much interest. At 8 o'clock p. m., began the closing exercises of the evening, which was very interesting and also amusing. The valedictory was delivered by Miss Leana Strong. The main feature of the evening was a drill in Grecian costume; the program closed with a song by the school. The exercise showed much patience and perseverance on the part of the teacher. Miss M. S. Washington, former student of Tuskegee Institute.



GENERAL LUNA OF THE FILIPINO ARMY.

Americans in the Philippines agree that General Luna is the most courageous commander of the Filipino forces. He it was who rode up and down the lines at Calumpit, urging his men to come out into the open and fight like soldiers and brave men. It was General Luna who sent envoys to General Otis to sue for peace.

Newsy Sparklings

Shelbyville, Ind. Special.

The Children's Day exercises were a success in every respect last Sunday at Second Baptist church. Speeches were made and songs suitable to the occasion were sung. Everything was carried out nicely. Three very interesting addresses were made by Rev. Clark, Prof. R. A. Roberts and Orange Dennis. Mrs. Jennie Reed and Mrs. Annie Vanmeter have returned from Muncie where they have been visiting friends and relatives. A social will be given at the Second Methodist Church to-night. To-morrow Children's Day exercises will be held at Methodist Church. A well fitted programme has been arranged and has had all of the work and encouragement Orange Dennies could give it to make it a success. Rev. Clark spent Sunday in this city and preached an able sermon Sunday morning and night. He also took an active part in the Childrens exercise. Miss Gertie Morgan, her sister and brother spent Sunday in this city. A beautiful solo was sung by Miss Morgan Sunday. Charles Robinson of Martinsville spent Sunday in the city. A lawn festival was given at the residence of Mrs Georgia Allen last Saturday night. A very large crowd was present and the affair was quite enjoyable.

Newsy Notes.

Mobile, Ala., Special.

I have now six subscribers expect to increase my list right along. The subscribers now are as follows: Rev. A. F. Owens, E. C. Cato, John T. Moore, J. W. Gibbs, E. E. Chaney and T. H. Hill. The Creole social club one of the leading benevolent organizations, elected W. T. Woods, A. H. Jackson and J. T. Peterson of this city at their last monthly meeting as members. Mrs. C. W. Allen held her private school exhibition and was quite a treat to the large audience as to their advancement in the different branches of education. The school will no doubt be largely attended next session. The Duncan school, Miss Mamie Nicholas also held her private school exhibition was largely attended by an appreciative audience. Mrs. John T. Crimins of Key West, Fla., returned home after a lengthy visit to Mrs. A. Gomez. The ladies of St. Patrick Parish of this diocese held a successful lawn party and Maypole drill which was a success. Quite a sum was realized from the same.

News Items.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

The musical cantata "David" rendered on the 6th ult, by members of St. John's choir under the direction of A. M. Townsend was a success. Thomas Wright took a trip to Springfield to see his mother and returned Sunday. Mrs. Ella Moore of South Clarksville died last week. The funeral services were held as St. Peters, A. M. E. church. The Francis Rhodes School gave their graduating exercises at the Elders' opera house, may 29. The class consisted of seven girls and one young man. The program was well rendered.

Omaha, Notes.

Omaha. Neb. Special.

The picnic was quite a success. The first prize was awarded to Mrs. Nellie Smith. It was a diamond ring; second prize. diamond ear rings, to Mrs. Hattie Johnson; third prize, gold headed umbrella to Miss Jessie Carter. There was a social state debate Monday night the 5th between Lincoln and Omaha—"Resolved that the Spanish-American war was a benefit to the Negro." Affirmative Omaha; negative, Lincoln. The affirmative won.

Tyler News.

Tyler, Tex., Special.

Miss Mary Stewart has returned from Crockett school. The cake walk and ball at Fruit Palace the 25th ult., was well attended. The girls discussed their future at the public school exercises last Thursday and Friday. There were five graduates namely: Misses Lucean Hill, Luciele Reed, Mattie Branham and Mr. Bennie Walton. Mrs. Dorratt left Tyler the 26th ult., for a visit to Galveston. Miss Minnie Stewart has gone to Houston to remain.

The Grim Reaper.

Handsborro, Miss., Special.

After a painful illness Miss Cora Young the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, died on the 30th ult. Cora was a lovable young lady with a Christian character and leaves a host of kind friends, loving relatives together with indulgent parents to mourn her early demise.

Death Notice.

Smithland, Ark., Special.

Fannie Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilbert, aged 13, died May 29, 1899 at the home of her parents. She had been sick three weeks. She was a Christian girl and was loved by all who knew her. The funeral was attended at Southland's Chapel by Rev. Tom Wright and Daniel Drew.

THE MONTGOMERY

INSTITUTE CLOSED ITS SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

REV. DR. A. J. STOKES, PRESIDENT

And Founder—The New Era Board Met With Them.—Prof. R. G. Roberson B. L., Principal.

The Montgomery Institute, the only institution of its kind owned and controled by Negroes in the state of Alabama, closed its second annual session Friday evening June 9th. The friends of said Institution were out in full style and with pleasure watched the movement of the instructors and pupils. Rev. Dr. A. J. Stokes, the founder and president of the Montgomery Institute, is one of those few Negro men of the South land that has the bull-dog tenacity, the go-forwardness and the stictuativness about him. If he gets it in his mind to build or do anything, notwithstanding he has opposers, he will succeed or report to God the reason why. Dr. Stokes came to Montgomery about 8 years ago. Since that time has had his bitters and his sweets so to speak. He has traveled the dark path of besetment, but the one thing that is singular in all of his troubles is that he has never been discouraged nor has he bowed his head one moment, but has been victorious in every battle that has been pitched against him since his arrival in the Capitol of Alabama. Surely he is a mistery for no man in the country can handle colored people like Rev. Stokes. I am writing this week and I know the world would like to know the truth about this Rev. A. J. Stokes. Well he is holding his own in Montgomery. He stands high in the estimation of two thirds of the busines and professional white men here; his word or check is good for $(100) one hundred or a thousand dollars. This I am in a position to know. Rev. Stokes has accumulated wealth, having both money and property. He has more members in the Columbus st. Baptist Church than any two churches in the city and they will stand by him though the heavens be no more. They are true and loyal to him. In 1897 he founded the Montgomery Institute, which is connected with the church. It is a beautiful two story building towering heavenward to the gratification of his members and friends. This school is easily reached by taking the belt line car which will take you to the corner of N. Ripley and Columbus streets where you are within one block of the school. Dr. Stokes is the only Negro that owns a building on Dexter Avenue. The church has an undertaker's department, wood and coal yards, a drug store a Physician of repute in the person of Dr. E. A. Coffey and a pharmacist, Mr. V. S. Dean. These young men come here well prepared to do service. There are a few persons who who would make it appear that Rev. Stokes is "falling or loosing his hold," but I rather think this is progress. A man who has a little grace grit, greenback and property coupled with will power, will succeed or die. If all the Negroes of Montgomery county would come together and do as Rev. Stokes has done—build a Negro institution they would not have time to see the defects of others. Do something and then talk. There are better things for laborers in the field. Stay on the wall my friend until the God of Retribution calls you down. The community wishes you prosperity. The New Era Baptist State Convention is behind this institution. It consists of men of brain and push. They will succeed. Judge Winters, Lawyer W. A. Holloway and Mr. T. C. C. Davidson, delivered addresses in the Montgomery Institute. These are white men, brainy and powerful. Gov. Johnston could not be present. The following persons are the instructors in the school and make up the faculty; Pres. Rev., A. J. Stokes M. D.; Prin., Prof. R. G. Roberson, B. L.; Prof. R. W. Ford, Misses Sallie Duncan, Harda Martin, Bertha Johnson. Prof. Roberson comes from Dartmouth College, N. H.; Dr. Stokes from Benedict College, S. C.; Miss Martin, Fisk University and the others from institutions of Alabama and Georgia. The closing exercises were grand. Everything was carried out in perfect order. The teachers were congratulated for their faithful work. Revs. T. W. Walker and J. H. Eason are the centre of attraction during the week.

BATTLING WITH PREJUDICE

—BY—

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

CHAPTER I.

PERCY WILLIAMS.

Human life is made up of comedy and tragedy; of singing and weeping; of happiness and misery; of birth and death. Every life, no matter how obscure or eminent, no matter how humble or conspicuous passes through all of these experiences. But in the usual career from the cradle to the grave there is crowded more of either joy or sorrow than is found in the average life, nd such as are unusual make up the list of characters found in romance or poetry. Because of these facts Percy Williams attracted attention.

It was on the Fourth of July, in a year recognized as one of the most prosperous through which this country has passed in its entire history, that an awful crime was commitied in one of the Southern states. The daily newspapers were filled with the details of the terrible deed.

On the Fourth of July the North is always busy from early morn until late at night. On the particular morning which signalizes the opening of this story every New England city, town and village seemed ablaze with patriotic fire; church bells were tunefully chiming, public buildings were most beautifully decorated; men and boys were marching the streets with much vim and enthusiasm; the very air was vibrating with the unmusical and inharmonious sounds of fire-crackers, torpedos and booming cannon.

Every variety of pyrotechnical invention was in readiness for the grand illuminary display which usually attracted such large gatherings in the evening. All political parties were blended into one on that day, for the inhabitants of New England had made up their minds to celebrate. One grand volume of patriotism swept over the North—a wave of life, activity and agitation spread its inspiring waters in every direction. Every effort was put forth, the capacity of genius was tried and the grand result was that New England had a demonstration which eclipsed everything of its character held in the past.

But let us leave the North and go into the Southland where the awful crime spoken of above was chronicled.

Fiction would not add interest to this narration, for the facts and coincidents herein contained bear too close a relation to what is known as popular "Fiction." It was in an obscure section of the South, where the cultivation of the soil is of all importance and cultivation of the Negro's mind of none; where God is often worshipped as a very large white man, with beautiful flowing hair, garments of purest white and on whose feet are slippers of solid gold. And where the devil is regarded as a small, homely, black man, with red eyes and long forky tail, whose mission it is to blight every life, destroy every home and hope, and at last to take to his fiery abode all who do not worship the white man.

No church bells characterized the dawn of day with their music, no marching of proud men and boys through the streets, (for there were no streets, and are not to this day,) no booming of cannon, no decorated buildings to be seen anywhere, no stir, no bustle, no agitation; all was calm. The Fourth of July is not a day of jubilee in these parts.

It is quite early in the morning; the sun has just begun to rise into the realms of a clear and spotless sky, its smooth, brilliant rays burnishes the distant hilltops with a golden grandeur and fringes the swaying branches of the willows with an indescribable loveliness. The scenery thus produced is what furnishes the soul of the poetic dreamer with that divine inspiration which enables him to write, and hence the bright and wild revels of his fancy.

The birds, it seems, had just come to a realization of the glory of their surroundings and were cheerfully singing their songs of praise. The sparkling beads of the morning dew lingers on the tall green grass with admirable transparency, while the wild flowers laden the air with a perfume not in the least unhealthy or disagreeable.

It was on this beautiful morning that we find a distinguished looking young man of a fair and somewhat rosy complexion, of regular symmetrical features, of medium height and slender form, wearing a blue checkered shirt, sack coat of a dark color, jean trousers and a pair of out-of-repair cow-hide boots, a garb well adapted to his present contingencies, leisurely plodding his way along the wide, rutty road which lay between Hard Time Landing and a place called New Hell Town, in the state of Louisiana. This road is bordered on the one side by a levee some fifteen or twenty feet high, and on the other by Lake St. Joseph, which is about one mile wide and twenty-five miles long. A cool breeze was wafted across the surface of this placid body, causing it to gently ripple with reflected beauty, while the willows, with their lazy branches dragging in the water, cast a shadow in the distance. On the whole, there was a grand panorama of variegated scenes, extremely pleasing to the view of any lover of nature.

This young man is a Negro—no, not exactly a Negro, but, owing to an accident of birth, he was identified with the Negro race. He could not. with consistency be called a Negro, anymore than a combination of white and black can be called black. He was fair and rosy, but unfortunately, just enough of that blood that stains, coursed through his veins to mark him for life.

It is a great curse in this country to be identified with the Negro race. Yes, in this grand (?) freedom-loving country one dare not ask to be respected if he happens to be so identified.

No matter how noble, how good, how true to principle, how loyal to the flag, how brave in acts of kindness, how lofty in virtures, how devoted to the right, how tender and true, how square and honest, how pure in aims, thoughts, actions and deeds, no matter what genius you may possess, no matter what your achievements may have been in the past you are damned, irrevocably damned, if you happen to be a shade too dark to be counted in with the "Chosen people of God" (?)—the white Americans.

It is an ignominious curse, a disgrace to our nation. No one realizes this more keenly than the more intelligent class of the Negro population.

No matter in which direction the Negro turns in the social, religious or political avenues of American life. he finds a rope stretched across the way, with a printed placard hanging thereon, which reads in plain and emphatic language,

> "No passing through for Negroes."

In his ears are constantly ringing the pain-inflicting words, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further.' Fair and rosy complexion does not alter his chances, for if it is once known that a certain individual is of Negro parentage that settles it. He is branded for life. No charm that he may possess will serve as an excuse for him. Just think of it! Reflect, ponder and then ask yourself why it is that in this country, where the equality-of-man doctrine is preached more than in any other, men are so narrow-minded and unreasonable as to try to deprive their brothers of that right which they strive to maintain in excellent argument that all men were born to enjoy.

Go to Washington, the seat of government, where all important legislation is enacted, where many of the great and brainy men of our country come together from year to year—where can be seen the wisest, the best and the most illustrious of this nation, men who represent the highest standard of refinement, the ripest fruits of our institutions of learning, where, in fact, the monarchs of our civilization meet and hold consultation, and there it is, at Washington, the capital of the United States, that the widest gulf separates the white man from the Negro. The latter cannot engage in any of the sports and recreations which it is the former's privilege to enjoy. Nor can he secure accommodations of any kind in the same resorts where the former are welcomed and catered to. Social intercourse is strictly confined to business, and in this, the Negro is almost invariably either a domestic or a servant of a less humiliating position.

There are many places in the South where a Negro is not permitted to ride in a first-class railway car. In places of amusement all over the South, there are special seats provided for him in an obscure section of the house, for which he must pay full price of a first-class seat, if he wishes to occupy them.

It is an outrage to practice such narrowness and inequality; especially so, when we realize that Americans boast that their country is the grandest on the face of the globe and the most worthy of example; they also claim for their country that it is the most liberal, and that their form of government is the highest and best form practiced by any civilized nation. But let us return to our hero.

In this young man's carriage could be seen the beauty of health and vigor of youth admirably blended, being enlightened and polished by the elegance of his education and refinement. There was health in his large brown eyes, which were expressive of a kindly disposition, health in the profusion of his coal black hair, health in his beautiful pearly teeth, and health in the sweet smiles which displayed them. His mouth was expressive of honesty and determination Above his mouth was a shapely nose, which was expressive of fine taste and delicacy. His manly and expansive brow indicated great mental ability. He possessed a somewhat marvellous, yet distinct individuality—the essential requisite of our age.

This young man's name was Percy Williams. As to his birth and those incidents in his life leading up to this Fourth of July morning there may be little of interest to the reader.

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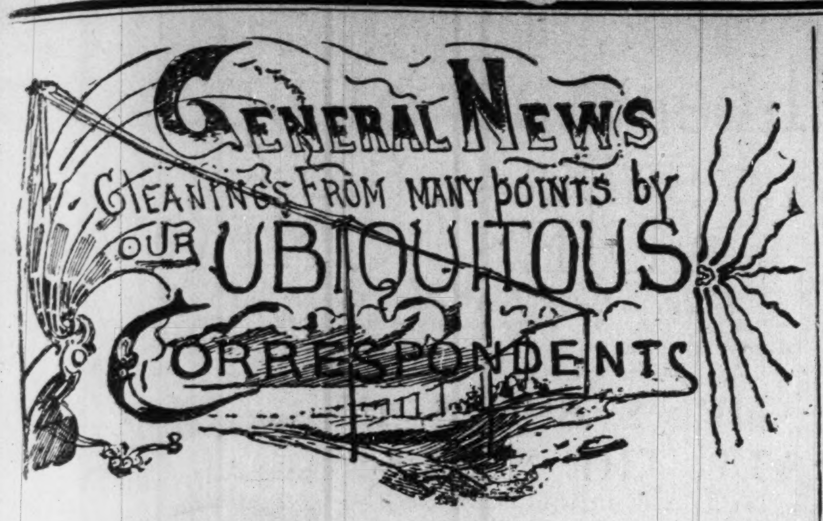

MISSOURI HEROINES OF JERICHO.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The silver jubilee, or twenty-fifth anniversay of the Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho, for the State of Missouri and jurisdiction closed their four days' sessions Friday, 26th ult. There were fully 125 delegates present with visiting and city members in sitting, making a showing of over 500 in all to participate throughout. For executive ability and expedition of matters, intelligent reports, decorum of manners and sweet and intelligently beaming faces, this session is hard to be surpassed by any similar in any State of the union. Strict rules were adhered to as to setting clothed fully regalied, which in all the usual paraphernalia and colors of gold and silver crowns and staffs, made the affair a beautiful effect. Memorial services were held Wednesday afternoon and condolences were read for about twenty-seven deceased members throughout the year. Wednesday night at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, a pleasing program was rendered by the members of the various courts. The welcome address was read by Miss Clara E. Slie, responded to by Mrs. Cornelia Russell, P. M., A. G. M. Address, "Influence of Womanly Character in the Lives of Our Ancient Heroines," was ably handled by Mrs. S. B. Ferrier. P. M. A. M. Mr. Jas. W. Grant, P. D., recited a comic selection from Gussie Davis. The synoptical biography or "Our Grand Matrons," was handled at length by Mrs. Virginia E. Guy, P. M., A. G. M. The beautiful edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity and presented much the appearance of a beautiful Persian flower garden. Thursday was taken up with election of officials. Mrs. R. H. Knowles was elected G. M.; Mrs. Mamie B. Smith, Sedalia, Mo., G. Secretary; Mrs. Akers, Columbia, Mo., G. Treasurer; Rev. Guy, Clarksville, Mo., G. Joshua; Mrs. Georgia Allison, Springfield, Mo., G. Sent. The Treasurer's report was favorably received, and showed the order in excellent financial condition. The next session will convene in Columbia, Mo., fourth Tuesday in May, 1900.

Rev. Guy and wife, Mrs. M. Davis, Clarksville, Mo., and Mrs. Ridgeway, and Mrs. Akers, Columbia, Mo., were guests of Mrs. Weathington, 29 Targee street. * * Mrs. Lucy A. Delaney, P. M. A., G. Matron, Mrs. A. Mahoney, 80 years of age, the first G. Matron of Missouri, 25 years ago, Mrs. Severe, Mrs. R. B. Rhodes, Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Holiday, Brooklyn, Ill., were guests of Mrs. Mumford, 1235 Lucas avenue; Mrs. Kittie Siles, Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Hellen, Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Dixon, Palmyria, Mo., were guests of Mrs. A. Butler, 1233 Lucas avenue, during the session.

Notes.

Roanoke, Va., Special.

Albert Day, an aged gentleman residing on High st., who has been suffering from pneumonia, is improving. At a recent meeting of the Educational society of the High st. Baptist church, Miss S. C. Brooks was chosen to represent the society in the state convention which meets at Richmond soon. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows celebrated their Ninth anniversary with a grand entertainment and drill at Davis Hall. Miss Julia Harris has just returned from Lynchburg where she has been attending the seminary. She completed the classical course with honors. Sunday June 11th was educational and rally day at the St. Paul M. E. Church. Addresses were delivered by Prof. D. W. Harth, Rev. E. S. Williams, of Bedford City, Va., Presiding Elder, L. J. Valentine and Prof. Geo. E. Stephens, Principal of Morgan College, Lynchburg, Va. Essays were read by R. S. Reid, Wm. Ruffin and Miss Pearl Cephas, students of the college.

Sparkling News.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Mr. Garfield Cotter and Mr. Melville Sale will take charge of Summer schools after the commencement is over. We wish them success. Well, he has taken a pledge for thirty days so you watch him and see if he holds it. Mr. Jas. Marble the director of the A. M. E. church choir is busy securing some new selections for the choir. Mr. Henry Armstrong is still wearing the smiles of joy. He has his furniture nearly paid for and says he will tie the knot in August. Go in and win old boy. Mr. J. E. Houser who has been in attendance at Fisk University in Nashville is in the city on a a few days stay. Will Hines Hines is the best beer drinker in the church. Henry Elliot can't be found since he got his new suit. You had better stay at home some times. Moody Parker who is riding and performing tricks is expecting to sign with a troupe soon. Mr. George Grundy of W. Court st. was on the sick list two days last week. Don't try to scare the collector when he comes around; that's his business; he will be back again. The Phœnix Athletic Club will hold their first grand opening reception at the Masonic Hall on the 14th inst. The committee was once disappointed on this occasion on account of smallpox. But they assure the guests a merry time on Wednesday eve., 14th. Messrs Jno. Carrouthers and Silas Lott, the committee, has did everything to make this the swellest affair of the season. Mr. S. D. Wilson met with a painful accident last week trying to set a fan. He had his fingers cut severely.

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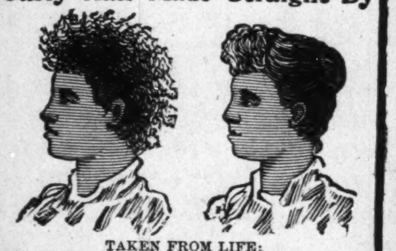

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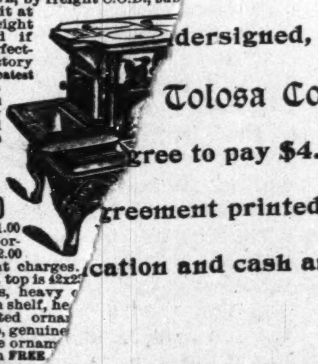

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Where now comes the cry of outraged justice? What shall be urged against lawless white men who band together to preserve their women against pollution? A pitiable spectacle stands the race—self confessed assaulters, professional dethroners of virtue. Did not five hundred lusty throated unhung scoundrels proclaim as much?

There would be no occasion to rail at these individuals in their attempt to purify the moral atmosphere of their surroundings in their manner, if such methods were permitted the other people.

It must be conceded that the nest is broken up. There will be no hatching for some time yet. And they do say that it is a bad bird that befouls its own nest. Sardis, Miss., the Negroes of Sardis, Miss. have undone the work of years. Those potent influences which were rapidly welding the race together and which were gaining adherents for the race, steadily, have lost their charms. In short, the Negroes of Sardis have made a mess of it. Do they need (shall we say it) a lynching?

GLARING HEADLINES.

Our esteemed contemporary, The Freeman remarks:

"The Richmond Planet is decidedly spectacular in its treatment of the race question. It has its way just as The Freeman has its way; but we doubt the efficacy of displaying in lurid headlines the striking items of these horrid incidents. It, to our notion, can only inflame the Negroes, but cannot be considered wholesome. Let us not be convicted of yellow journalism."

If these incidents are nt to horrid to be committed, theyare certainly not too be dislpayed

We intend to "ring the changes" upon them until all of the American readers are made to realize the atrocity of these butcheries.

If citizens of color become inflamed, it is right and proper. If white citizens who love justice become inflamed, a way will be found to stop the barbarities.

To be convicted of yellow journalism is all right so far as we are concerned, if we can in any way bring about the conviction of lynchers for red-handed murder.

When white fiends torture and roast a human being while he is alive and end it all by mutiliating and strangling an old gray-haired preacher of the anti-bellum type, we say that the cannibalism should be set up in type as large as a barn-door and printed on a sheet of paper as large as the capitol building at Washington, D. C.—The Richmond Planet.

"After mature deliberation, we, your representative, etc." runs the introduction to the reports of bodies clothed with power to act for the many. The effort we cannot think, should be to excite passion and high feeling, for that abounds. In these troublesome times individuals in high places must spend some energy in suppressing passion rather than inflaming it. Let the laymen who perhaps do not know the philosophy of the struggle rave and tear their hair, but let the priests maintain their serenity, feeling and knowing that the irregularities are incident to a people's march from darkness to light without which there would be no problem. The most that can be done is to keep the disturbances down to a minimum. It is not much of a philosopher, who thinks that friction can absolutely be avoided. This can never be until this country is one universal color. Let us work to keep the disturbances at a minimum.

THE HILLS OF ALABAMA.

Through the Centreville Press, of Centreville, Ala., and a private letter from the same place, we have the details of the shooting to death of a Mrs. Hubbard, white, the wounding of her husband and child by a Negro named Alex. Hill, in the presence of his brother, Will Hill, who, it is presumed, lent his moral support if nothing more. The Centreville Press says:

"Alex. Hill, a Negro, applied some time ago to Mr. Hubbard for work. He was employed, and the Negro requested the loan of $5; this was given him, and he left and did not return until Hub-
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but according to Gov. Johnston, he has been caught:

"A telegram from Gov. Johnston states that Alex. Hill has been captured and ordered to Walker county jail for safe keeping. No particulars given."

When they were in hot pursuit of Alex. Hill, the Centreville Press in speaking to the colored people, said:

"Now is the time for the Negroes of Bibb county to show to the world that they are a law-abiding race. It is in their power to turn Alex. Hill over to the authorities. Will they do it?"

Thus it appears that the idea that Negroes shield Negroes is an established theory in the South. Is it a fact? And right here a moral may be drawn to this effect: That it does appear that there is a greater tendency among Negroes to undo those who have the reputation for being good than to expose those who are known to be bad. Yet it is to be hoped that the theory is incorrect.

There is nothing to be said in the defense of the Hills. They were guilty, and the plea of shooting Mrs. Hubbard through mistake, is not worthy of notice. The fact of it all is that they went there to shoot somebody. That Alex. Hill shot the wrong person does not lessen the degree of intent. He did shoot Mr. Hobbard, the right person, as well as Mrs. Hubbard and the baby, the wrong persons

The only complaint is that the law was not allowed to punish these malefactors instead of the hastily organized tribunal. It is to no purpose to urge that Will Hill was not guilty. He was guilty. He knew all about his brother's preparation to do violence. That he should have received his fate at other hands is the most that can be said, and in the face of Sardis, Miss., it does not amount to much.

It is to be hoped that Gov. Johnston will see to it that Alex. Hill is preserved safe against the mob until the law is ready to deal with him and his crime.

Booker T. Washington has gone to Europe for a much needed rest. He will put his time in sight-seeing and perhaps gather new ideas for his famous institution. He expects to return about Aug. 6th.

MR. TROY PORTER, of Paris, Ill., writes us that his company has been successful in bidding for the construction of several bridges in that vicinity. He adds, however, that he is afraid that his color may yet defeat him in his work. Porter, Morrisey & Company is the firm name,

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TWO ladies in New York have just informed the principal of the Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama, that they are willing to give the money for the erection of a new industrial building for girls. After this building is erected the teaching of the industries for girls will be much strengthened, increased and improved in every way.

Spicy News.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Prince Hall Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 1. held its annual election recently with the following result. W. W. Peterson, W. M.; J. T. Edwards, S. W.; J. C. Britton, J. W.; James Mason, sec.; Wm. Muston, treas.; The difficulties of the lodge wers harmonized and reports showed a membership of 75 in good standing. Next year being the lodge's 50th anniversary, a move is on foot to celebrate the same by a big blow out. Over $800 in dues were collected the last year, it is reported. Parker Lodge, No. 5, B. O. of C. P. met recently in their Hall, 12th and Pine streets and initiated and carried 17 new candidates across the barren desert to roam with the Buffaloes. Also little Sammie Adams was obligated as the mascot. The lodge by September hopes to be a hundred strong, in addition to 54 already enrolled. A delicious banquet was spread at the close of initiation. John H. Clark was elected delegate to the convention which convened in Indianapolis Ind., June 12.
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and Prof. J. Arthur Freeman, tenor soloist and director will soon leave for their summer's engagement expecting to make a successful hit for the season at chautauquan assemblies. This is a very fine combination of musical and song talent and is hard to be excelled. Prof. J. Arthur Freeman's superb tenor never fails to please his hearers and elicit, rapturous applause. Mrs. Ida Lloyd Duncan is a pleasing and phenominal reciter her imitative art in elocution can only be excelled by masters of that higher elocutionary superexcellence namely Del sarte. The sopranos Misses Christian and Todd have superior trained voices and win every time. Misses Hayden and Barrow, the contraltos are unquestionably beyond harsh criticism from professors who are qualified to pass on merit. The tenors, Messrs Johnson and Overton and the bassos, Messrs. Alexander and Powers are indispensible to the perfect harmony which so completely carrys off the house as if by storm. The Provident Hospital Auxilliary Committee gave a grand ball for benefit of the Hospital, Friday eve, 16th inst. Mesdames A. M. McCord, M. Dixon, Nellie Gibson, Carrie Estell and Leannia C. Clark, A. Hunter, Hardee Cambell and James W. Grant are foremost in its success. The famous William's Concert Orchestra rendered the music.

LOST RELATIVE.

I Joshua Caulwell wish to find my Children and relatives whom I left in South Carolina in 1866 in New Berry district, twelve miles east of New Berry villiage on Jim Hendersons Island and on the line between New Berry and Fairfield. The names of my children were Mary and Samuel Henderson and their mother was Francis Henderson The grandparents names were Chainey and Robert Richards. Another boy was named George Atwood, whose mother was Martha Atwood and there was a younger boy by name, Hesekiah Atwood. I belonged to Joe Caulwell in Columbia S. C. I am now past sixty-eight years of Age. I am now past sixty eight years of age. Any information leading to the finding of my relatives will be thankfully received. Address Joshua Caulwell, Foreman, I. T.

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Towell, Jim

William Malone sends regards to all friends.

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John Orsborn is pianist at the Morning Glory, Buffalo, N. Y.

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On the road to stay—Mahara's Mammoth Colored Minstrels.

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The Blackstone Quartette opened at Shea's, Buffalo, June 12th.

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The Marions—Jack and Daisy, have closed with the Georgia Up-to-Date.

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Tom White, comedian, is featuring a new coon song of his own in his specialty and closing with his eccentric dance.

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Scott and Johnson are filling their second weeks' engagement at Ferguson's Music Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., with the Electric Garden, Syracuse, to follow.

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The Housely Bros., have signed with the Richards and Pringles' Georgias, No. 2. They send regards to all friends and members of the B. O. of C. P.

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Dudley & Perrin—S. H., and Sid L. have joined hands again. "Dun Said All I Had to Say." Regards to McCarver Bros., P. G. Lowery and Robert Leach.

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Cissel and Mines are this week at the Iron Pier, Syracuse, N. Y., with Cleveland, O., and Fenton's Summer Garden, Buffalo to follow. Their latest parody on the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries' fight was a great hit. They send regards to Ralph Devine and Clarence Powell.

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The Champion Cake Walkers—John Goodall, Frank Brown, Will Goodall, Dan E. Washington, Emma Goodall, Kate Tolliver, May Bass, Minnie Edson Sadie Walker and Harry Dunnington opened Fairfield Park, Vincennes, Ind., last Sunday, with two exhibitions. They returned to Indianapolis Monday morning.

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A letter dated May 24, from Honolulu, H. I., from Willis F. Gauze, female impersonator, who is enroute to Australia with O. M. McAdoo's big aggregation says that they are having a delghtful trip, and that everybody is enjoying the best of health. He sends regards to all members of the Richards Pringles' Rusco and Holland's company, and all Buffaloes.

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C. H. Williams writes the following from Ellsworth's Comedy Co.: "Business continues good. The base ball team of the company, known as the Pickwicks played the Gatesville team an interesting game; score 6-7, in favor of the Gatesville team. Our next game will be in Temple, Tex. Thursday night the company gave a benefit for Mrs. McGoldy, her husband and son being drowned not far from this town a few days ago. Mr. Ellsworth, our proprietor, never fails to help those who need help. J. N. Wyatte, our trap drummer, sends regards to G. Rhone, of Galveston, Tex., and others of that place."

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Notes from A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels—"We are doing a great business notwithstanding the hot weather. Marsh Craig and Allie Brown visited us Saturday of last week. They are stopping at 2308 Dearborn, where they have formed a syndicate in conjunction with H. S. Wooten and Dick Thomas. Miss Nettie Goff, trombonist, is meeting with success with her solos. Mrs. Palmer is quite a favorite and never fails to bring down the house with her song: 'I Want to Play Ball With You Papa.' Jube Brown has signed with Rusco & Holland's Minstrels. He sends regards to all friends. Dick Thomas, the Naptaroon, sends regards to Harry Gillam and friends.

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Notes from Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels—We opened at the Electric Park, in Oskosh, Wis., week of June 18, and will play four weeks, park engagements, in Wisconsin and Illinois. Our business has been phenomenal, and the performance given by our company has been highly complimented whenever we have showed. George Catlin, the premeir Chinese impersonator keeps the audience guessing whether he is the genuine article or not. Hilliard Brewer the wonderful boy contortionist has placed several new tricks in his already wonderful performance, but continues to close his act with the seemingly impossible feat of unjointing his neck. C. J. Scotte, euphonium soloist who has been home spending four weeks vacation rejoined the company June 15, at Oconto, Wis. During his absence Fred W. Simpson played euphonium in the band. James Johnson, our vocal director and basso profundo is singing with great effect, the famous bass solo: 'Deep in the Mine,"

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Prof. Henderson Smith mailed us the following interesting letter from Honolulu, H. I.:—"On board Steamship Moana, bound for Sydney, Australia,—Since my last letter to you while in America, we have experienced many little funny incidents. We arrived in San Francisco Wednesday evening at 7:15, and after placing all of our satchels, etc., aboard, everybody went direct to the New Western hotel for supper, and then took in 'Frisco by moonlight until time to go aboard at 10 p. m. We set sail at 12:15 a. m. with all feeling none the worse for our long journey across the continent by rail. Our first day out was quite funny in some instances. Prof. Smith called a band rehersal at 2 p. m., on Thursday, but for some reason not a single member reported and he declared the rehersal off until further notice. But to-day everybody has been at the table and all are well, and you can hear nothing but 'I would not have missed this trip for noththing.' We will soon be in Honolulu and I will mail this letter to you from there. We learned to-day that the Herds will loose their dog in New Zeland, so they have decided to return 'Routy' from Honolulu. Prof. Smith's wife is making the trip with him and help to keep the ladies in good humor. Mrs. John Brewer swears she saw a ghost night before last, and although these bunks are not large enough for more than one (greese) both of them occupy the same bunk until day break. Ferry, the 'Frog Man,' joined at Alberquerque, N. M., and will go to Auckland, New Zeland, and join the other company in company with Miss Flora Batson, Girard Miller and Miss Sadie Gainey to strengthen Mr. McAdoo's concert company. We will have 'A Trip to China Town' with us from Honolulu, and Prof. Smith has hired his band to the captain for the Queen's birthday, as we will land in Honolulu on May 24. Prof. Oscar Lindsay has also leased his orchestra for three nights a week for dancing. Our company consists of 32 people, and our band is made up of the following people: Prof. Henderson Smith, solo B cornet; Jessie E. Smith, solo B cornet; James P. Jones, solo clarionet; Oscar Lindsey, solo alto; John Brower, 1st alto; James Harris, 1st trombone; Alonzo Edwards, 2d trombone; Pete Woods, baritone; Edward Tolliver, tuba; Turner Jones, bass drum; F. Poole, snare drum; J. H. Herd, cymbals; George Henry, drum major; John Pramplin, lightning gun driller. James Jones says hello boys you missed the greatest treat on earth; and Lindsey says he feels 40 pounds heavier. Our band has made a wonderful improvement since we left Chicago, and Prof. Smith says 'there are others.' We will anxiously await The Freeman on every mail from home."

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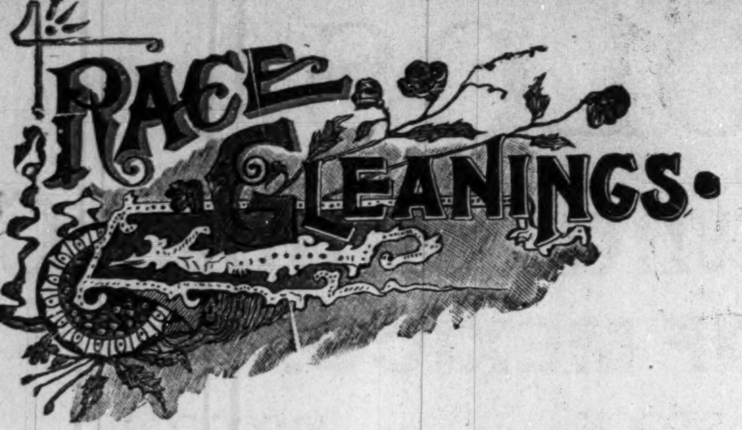
Race Gleanings.

A New Yorker has promised a donation to the Tuskegee Institute in the form of $15,000 for the erection of a building for domestic science for girls.

The Institute of the colored teachers of Elmore county Ala., convened in Wetumpka, that state, June 1. An interesting and beneficial session was the result.

Miss Hattie Bevely was recently given an appointment as teacher in the public schools in Grand Rapids, Mich., Miss Bevely is the first lady of color to hold such a position.

Prof. J. A. Lankford, Master Mechanic of the Coleman Manufacturing Co., of Concord, N. C. has recently had the honorary degree of B. S. conferred upon him by the Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

A cooking school for colored girls will be opened in the Soho district in September, under the direction of Miss grace Heffley, the Methodist Episcopal deaconess who has taken so much interest in mission work in that vicinity.

The law class that graduated recently from Central Tenn., College, was composed of the following members, namely Chas. Coleman, of Miss; James W. Carter, Tenn; Wm. P. Ross, Miss.; James T. Turner, Tenn. Mr. Coleman was salutatorian of the class.

The students in the brick masonry division of the Tuskegee Institute laid 700,000 bricks during the last school session. Plans are now being perfected to make 2,000,000 bricks next year. This school is said to be undergoing a building period.

The International Industrial and Blue Cross society has issued a call to all Negroes to assemble with them in convention in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7-9 inclusive. The order is to advise means for the protection of the race. J. E. Lewis, 1204 State st., Chicago, is G. M.

The eighteenth annual commencement of the Tuskeege, Ala., Normal and Industrial Institute, occurred Thursday April 30. Eleven hundred and sixty-four students have been enrolled during the year, 801 boys, 363 girls. The graduates in all departments number sixty-one, of these forty-four are from both normal and industrial departments.

Henry Lee is dead at his home in Oberlin O., from injuries received on Decoration day. Mr. Lee was one of the most prominent colored men in Ohio and was the originator of the appeal to the foreign powers against the treatment of the colored people of the South. He was educated in Oberlin College and was a man of unusual intellect.

The receipts of the Washington Tuskegee Institute, last year were $160,000. Of this sum $4,500 came from the State of Alabama, $8,000 from the John T. Slater fund; $5000 a first payment on Huntington Hall, the new dormitory for girls given by Mrs. C. P. Huntington, of New York. The remainder came in various amounts, from many different sources.

Miss Mary Virginia Jeffries, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jeffries, graduated from the Uniontown high school, Monday night last, carrying off the honors of the class. She received a number of very handsome presents from both white and colored friends. She was the only colored pupil and stood sixth in a class of 18. Her parents were present to enjoy the honor conferred on their talented daughter. She sang an oratorical solo entitled "The Shepherd."

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

The Beecher family is one whose branches are very many and whose lines of work are as varied as the individuals. It is a grandneice of Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson, who is at present very much to the fore in relation to the economic emancipation of women. In the July number of The Cosmopolitan Mrs. Stetson will wage a pen warfare with Prof. Harry Thurston Peck over an article in the June number of the Cosmopolitan, "The Woman of To-day and To-morrow." Mrs. Stetson has something in the June number—a four-line poem on "Queer People." The illustrations by Oliver Herford are themselves queer.

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LOST A BIG FORTUNE.

THE STORY OF A NERVY BLUFF IN A GAME OF POKER.

The Southern Colonel Had the Eastern Plunger Sized Up Properly, but Lost Confidence In His Own Hand at the Wrong Moment.

Big games on the Mississippi river steamers, where poker flourished at its best, were by no means the only instances wherein fortunes were made and lost on the turn of a card. The record of the game wherein Pete Welch, a noted eastern plunger, met Colonel Wallace of South Carolina is regarded as one of the stiffest battles on the green baize ever fought in any land. Wallace was very wealthy, a heavy slave owner and an extremely lucky man at cards. He was, as every southern gentleman was and is, perfectly honorable, and his victories were the admiration of his friends. Pete was a gambler by profession, had plenty of money and was full of nerve; so a battle between the two was certain to be of absorbing interest.

When Colonel Wallace heard that Welch was coming to meet him, he calmly replied he would be ready. He said he had a limit fixed, and, if the gambler went beyond that, he would drop out and let the money go. Welch came on, the colonel was notified and the date set for the game. It was to take place in a club where no games were supposed to go on. The colonel drove to town, met the enemy and a number of friends, had drinks all around and the two men sat in for a single handed game. They commenced at $100 jack pots, and at first the colonel's luck stuck to him. He won steadily, but the gambler was game and met him.

At last the tide turned, and the cards began to fall to Pete. He won until all the gold in front of Wallace passed to his side of the table. Wallace became fierce and took all kinds of chances, losing his head in a manner, drinking heavily, while his opponent coolly played his hands for all they were worth. When Wallace had passed in his last stack, he pushed back his chair and said his pile was gone. Then he said:

"Welch, you've got an even $30,000 there if you will count it. I brought that much with me, and I may have been foolish. I believe if I had more I could get it all from you in half a dozen hands."

"I'll gladly give you a chance, colonel. Perhaps some of your friends here can accommodate you?"

Nobody spoke. The colonel rattled on the table.

"Welch," he said when the silence got oppressive, "I have no more ready cash, but I have property that is as good as gold any day right here in this town. I never did it before, but I will play you 24 of my best slaves against $50,000. The negroes are worth fully that amount, as these gentlemen will testify. The slaves are the best in the state, but if you think the value too high we can arrange it otherwise. Will you finish the game?"

"If these gentlemen say the slaves are worth that much, then fix your papers while I count this money. I never like to turn my back to a good thing."

Everybody got up and took a drink on the new game. When the papers were arranged, the players got a new deck of cards, and there was not a word passed while the cards were being shuffled. The sky was to be the limit until the $50,000 was reached. Wallace's sporting blood was up, and he seemed determined to lose all quickly or get it back in the same swift gait. He took desperate chances in drawing and accepted foolish bets.

The end was drawing near. Welch was dealing, and bad shuffling on the previous hands had left considerable money in the pot. Welch was ahead on the winnings. The colonel looked at his hand and opened the pot for $1,000. Welch stretched his eyes and then looked at his hand. He raised it $1,000. Without raising his head the colonel raised back $2,000, and Welch saw it. He went $1,000 better, and the colonel stopped raising. The players were less excited than any of the other men in the room. Pete took the cards and asked the colonel:

"How many?"

"Two cards," he said.

"None here," put in the dealer.

The colonel took the two cards and looked at them quickly. Then he stuck them behind the others. "I'll start this on $5,000," he said. Welch looked at his hand again and took the bet. He went $5,000 more. The colonel raised another $5,000. Welch saw it and raised another, and the colonel raised still another $5,000.

"Well, I've got just $10,000 here you can have if you can get it," said Welch, and he tossed in the chips. The colonel studied his hand.

"I've got only $5,000," he said, "and I think you've got me over if it is a bad thing to see."

With that Wallace tossed the cards on the table, and Welch took the pot. It was a clean case of bluff on Pete's part, as the cards subsequently showed. The colonel had held up a pair of jacks, his openers, and an ace. On the draw he caught an ace and a seven of diamonds. Welch had only a pair of fives to start with, and he kept them with the rest of the hand. Wallace thought he was bluffing, but lost his nerve at the wrong moment. When the game ended, the colonel had barely $4,000. He bought back two of his slaves that were lost, and the 22 went to Welch. They were sold in the town a month later.—Exchange.

Not His Style.

Teacher—One should be thoughtful in dispensing favors. For example, suppose your father, Johnny, was in a crowded street car and two ladies, one old and the other young, got in, which of them would he give his seat to?

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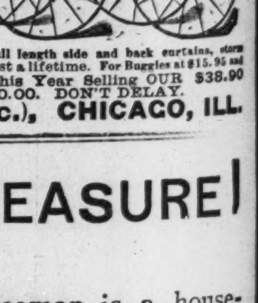

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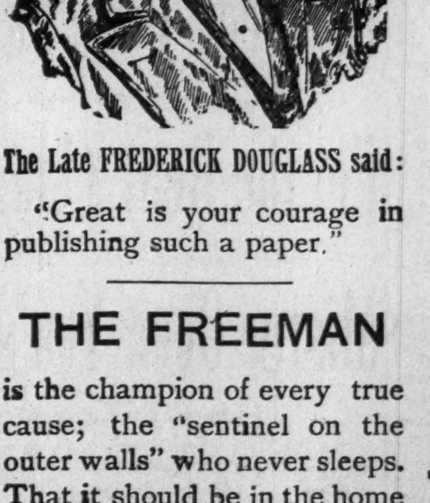

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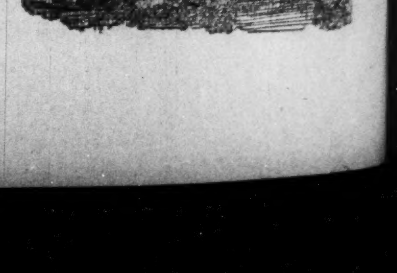

A FEW ODD ISLANDS.

DESCRIBED BY THE WAYNE COUNTY (PA.) MAN.

They Float Around In a Careless Sort of Fashion, With an Occasional Queer Freak, One Being to Spin Around Like a Monster Top.

"I read about the floating islands off the mouth of the Mississippi the other day," said the veracious man from Honesdale, Pa. "That reminded me that my own little old county can boast a few islands of the sort. What county? Wayne, young man. You'll find it on the maps due north of Pike county. You city chaps have an idea that all of northern Pennsylvania is Pike county in expansion, but you were never so much mistaken about anything in your lives. Pike county is all very well in its way, but its way runs to fish liars and rattlesnakes. Now, Wayne has none of the latter, but of the former—well, talk about Pike county fishing! Young fellow, Pike county isn't a marker to Wayne when it comes to downright, honest, clean cut piscatorial sport. Pike may lie about it better, but when you come to sift the facts from the fiction before an investigating commission you'll find that Wayne catches the biggest trout and the fightingest bass every time, and don't you forget it.

"But I started to tell you about the floating islands in the old county. Way back in the twenties the Delaware and Hudson Canal company gouged a channel in the face of the earth from Rondout to Honesdale and called it a canal. For reservoirs and feeders to this canal the level of ponds and lakes along the route was raised by means of dams from 12 to 20 feet. While the dams were in process of building the timber about the ponds was felled up to the artificial water line, and in many cases really valuable lumber was left to decay where it fell. These dead trunks formed, when the water rose to its newer level, the basis of these floating islands, which may be found in so many of the lakes of Wayne county. Intertwining branches and twigs of the trees themselves and large quantities of underbrush served to bind the logs together in something like a solid mass, thereby forming rafts of more or less buoyancy and size. In the course of time water weeds of various kinds attached themselves to the raft, and eventually became a part of it. Gradually a light, thin mold accumulated on the island, and in this mold birds planted seeds and grain, which, sprouting, growing and finally dying and rotting, did their part in the making of the whole. All of the larger islands bear from one to a score of trees, many of which have attained a considerable growth.

"You might suppose that to walk upon or to fish from one of these islands would be a source of some danger, but, aside from an occasional wetting of the feet no accidents from this cause have ever occurred, so far as I have been able to learn. The sensation produced by walking on a floating island is very similar to that which you and I have both experienced when, as boys, we ran on thin, young ice, or thicker old and rotten ice. You remember how the ice used to bend under your weight as you ran across it, sometimes sinking nearly a foot and then with the next step rising to meet you, possibly throwing you and perhaps giving you a ducking? Well, it's the same way with the floating islands, but with the element of danger eliminated. It has the same fascination.

"Strange as it may seem, very few of these floating islands have become permanently anchored to the bottom of the lakes. They are as nomadic and as unsettled in their habits as the Arab. They lack what we country people call stick-to-itiveness. They are the contrariest cusses that ever happened. Sometimes a mere breath of wind will send one of them scooting from one end of the lake to the other and again you couldn't budge that same island with a 100 ton, compound freight locomotive and a political pull. Once thoroughly domesticated, however, they make excellent weather vanes, for they invariably seek the lee shore of the lake.

"I recall a peculiar thing that happened years ago to the island in White Oak pond, near Aldenville, some eight or nine miles to the north and west of Honesdale. By the way, this particular island is the largest of the lot; so large, in fact, that the center rises fully ten feet above the water line. The farmer owning this island proposed erecting a summer house on the elevation, but was obliged to give it up owing to his inability to lay a proper foundation without driving piles, and to do that would result in nailing the island to the bottom.

"Well, as I was going to say, this island one day eloped with a southwest zephyr, which promptly deserted as soon as it had got its consort into the middle of the lake. There it floated in a sultry summer sun, with no means of motion in itself and milking time approaching. Presently the edge of a little breeze from the northwest struck the wanderer on the port quarter and things began to look a little brighter. Unfortunately for the island, however, at about the same moment that the first gust landed a wind of equal intensity came up from the southeast and its edge caught the island on the starboard bow. In less than a minute these two contrary winds had that island spinning around like a top. You may believe this or not, as you like. I can show you the island any time that you'll come up to the old county.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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ENGLISH RED TAPE.

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"Can you tell me," said he, "why Mr. Dash carried on in that extraordinary fashion? I mean, of course, when he broke a perfectly sound leg off the chair in which he had been sitting."

"Oh, that was all right!" replied the other with a meaning laugh. "A caster had come off one of the legs of that chair, and, you know, 'my lords' will not provide us with new casters; they will attend to nothing less than a broken leg. So Dash had to break one of the legs to get his chair put right at the public expense."—London Standard.

The Dead Irishman.

Some Irish body snatchers had rifled a grave and hid their booty in a corner of the churchyard, when it occurred to a half tipsy fellow, who had been watching them unobserved, that it would be pleasanter to be driven back to the nearest town than to walk. He accordingly secreted the dead man under a hedge and lay down in his place. He was duly transferred to a cart, but when about half the journey was over one of the men who had touched his hand screamed to his friend, "Good heavens, the body is warm!"

Hereupon, in a deep voice, the supposed dead man remarked, "If you had been where I've been for the last two days, you'd be warm too!"

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A Bloodthirsty Editor.

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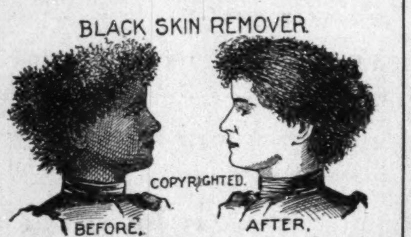

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Round Trip only 50 cents to Bethany Park, June 29, with the "Big 4" churches.

Robert Moody, second waiter of the Bates hotel, and Rody Nance will be married on the 20th.

Rev. E. E. Budanamo, B. D. A. H., of Havana, Cuba, a cousin of General Antonio Maceo, is giving a series of lectures in this city.

John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom," and Dan Washington, champion cake walker of Missouri, will give a ball and cake walk at Odd Fellows' hall Monday night.

If you wish to hear the latest "Coon" songs, don't fail to attend the monster "Buffalo" entertainments. Many will be sang for the first time in this city.

Boating, fishing, bathing and bowling can be had at the K. of P. excursion to Lake Manitou, Sunday, June 25.

Homer Butler, of Peru, Ind., was in the city this week mingling with the "Buffaloes." Mr. Butler was made a member of McClain Lodge No. 1, B. O. of C. P., Monday evening.

Rev. B. F. Watson, of Quincy, Ill., passed through the city Monday enronte to the Wilberforce commencement. The Reverend spent several hours in the city.

Mr. Thomas Craig, of Versailles, Ky., deputy revenue collector of the 7th district, and a rising young politician, was in the city this week.

Mrs. Elwood C. Knox left last Friday for Shelbyville, Ky., where she will be the guest of her parents several weeks. Mrs. Knox spent several days in Louisville enroute.

The fifth annual road race given by the See Saw Cycling Club, will be run July 4th, over the Broad Ripple course. Entries taken by Gus Habich or Taylor Styles in Indiana avenue.

The Booker T. Washington Cycle Club entertained at their club rooms, 409 N. West street, Monday evening. The affair was a pleasant one and all present report a delightful time.

W. A. Jones, prelate, H. Alfred Kelly, secretary of Centennial lodge No. 4, B. O. of C. P., also Wm. Hill and Isaac Remley, of Toledo, O., were pleasant callers at this office.

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Angelo and Matt D. Housely, of Cincinnati, O., are in the city this week, attending the Buffalo convention. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Curry, of 727 Fayette street.

The "Big 4" churches, Bethel, Allen Chapel, Jones Tabernacle and Simpson Chapel have arranged another one of their delightful picnic excursions for Thursday; June 29, at Bethany Park.

The excursion of the season will be the one to Lake Manitou, Sunday, June 25, under the auspices of the K. of P lodges.

Miss Gertrude S. Garnett, recently a "typo" on The Freeman, and Mr. Fort Bazel, were married the 8th at the residence of the bride's aunt in N. West street. The wedding was a quiet one, only immediate friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. Bazel are at home to their many friends at 405 N. West street.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ella J. Curry to Mr. Walter Dennis, Sunday evening June 18, at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Curry, in Greenfield, Ind. The groom is a resident of Terre Haute, which place they will make their future home.

The marriage of Miss Mattie Hart to Mr. Thomas Jackson was solemnized at the residence of the goom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, 1107 Fayette street, Wednesday evening, June 7. A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, and many valuable and useful presents were received.

John H. Clark, proprietor of the Turf and Porters' Exchange, of St. Louis, Mo., in company with Charles F. Overton, represented Parker lodge No. 5, B. O. of C. P., at the annual convention which convened in this city this week. They gave The Freeman a call. Mr. Clark, while yet a young man, has by his sterling business qualities, forged to the front in the business world of St. Louis, and has the confidence of the leading business men of both races. During their stay in our city they were highly entertained by A. C. Richardson, Dr. J. H. Ward and Archie Greathouse, Mr. Greathouse showing them our beautiful city and places of interest in his new rubber tired buggy behind his Kentucky thorough-bred. Mr. Clark extends a cordial invitation to all friends and "Buffaloes," and assures them that during their visit they can "live easy and have pork chops greasy." St. Louis in 1900.

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Allen Chapel Notes.

The Children's Day exercises were postponed until next Sunday, June 18th. At 10:45 a. m. a special sermon will be preached to the children, and at 2:15 p. m. the regular Children's Day exercises will be held. Come out and hear them. Sacred concert at 8 p. m.

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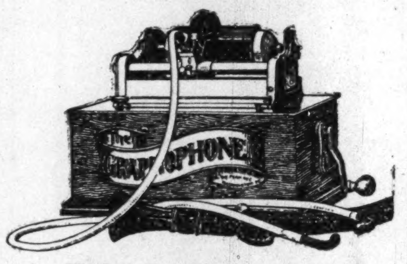

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Flowers that were 25c go at.... 5c bunch
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Desirable shapes, desirable colors, trimmed in up-to-date styles, about 40 in the lot, worth $3.50 to $4; choice................ $1.98

All the balance ot trimmed hats from the wholesale stock, 57 in the lot, were $5 to $7; choice.......................... $3.25

One case of fine trimmed hats, a few patterns the balance some of the best productions of our own workroom; they were $20, $25 and $28; choice.......................... $10.75

The new, large, Tam crown hats, in half a dozen styles and colors, a very complete assortment at $1.48, $1.98 and............ 89c

Fancy braid hats, made on silk wire frames, in all colors, big variety of shapes, hats that sell every place for $1 and $1.25; sale price.. 25c

Untrimmed hats, in a number of shapes and good colors, worth 50c; now only.......... 10c

Hats you would pay 25c for any other place in town go for.......................... 1c

Flowers enough to trim all the hats in Indianapolis and at ridiculous low prices

Silk and velvet roses, three or four in a bunch, daisies, clover, etc.; worth 25c, now..............................5c

Colored roses, violets, large bunch of rose buds, etc.; worth 35c to 50c, choice 10c

Large bunch of bluets, lilacs, morning glories, etc.; worth up to 75c, choice............................19c

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Choice of any changeable 85c and $1 taffeta in our stock for.............59c

Kai Kai wash silks, regular 49c quality..............................24c

Figured foulards, colored grounds, coral figure; 65c goods.................38c

Choice of 35 pieces of elegant Rheingold stripes and checks; regular $1.50 and $1.25..............................68c

$1 mousseline de sole, chiffon liberty, cream and colors, sale..........65c

Choice of any $3.25 to $2 brocades in stock for..............................98c

Extra heavy black taffeta; regular 95c silk for..............................57c

Only 11 patterns black grenadines left, of course these were the most expensive ones; they must go this week; choice $17.50 and $12.75 for goods worth $48 and $35.

Elegant satin duchesse, high lustre, good wearer, for skirts..................59c

Muslin Underwear Special Offers

Ladies' fine cambric corset cover, new square yoke front, 'V' yoke back, edged all around with embroidery, regular made, 25c value, Saturday, ... 15

Ladies' new full front corset cover, with strings, yoke back and front edged with embroidery, pearl buttons, 40c value, Saturday 25

Ladies' fine cambric and muslin drawers, umbrella shape, full flounce, 8 inches deep, trimmed with 3 tucks and deep hem, yoke band and strings, 40c value, Saturday,.... 25

Ladies' Empire gown of good muslin, yoke with embroidery inserting, revers, cuffs yoke and collar edged with full ruffle gown cut full and long our regular 50c gown, 2 to a customer, Saturday, ... 37

Ladies' skirt of good muslin, cut full sweep. cambric knee flounce with full ruffle, trimmed 3 tucks and deep hem, full dust ruffle, Saturday.............................. 50

Ladies' fine cambric skirt, full 3 yards wide, 18-inch India linen knee flounce, trimmed 2 rows torchon lace inserting, edged with 2-inch lace, full dust ruffle, our regular $1.50 skirt, one to a customer, Saturday.... 98

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